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Patricia Gardner, Director
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Dear Ms. Gardner:

During the week of April 18, 2016, Matt Reed, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters, and Arlene Anderson, Mike Lowy, Mark Rasso, Jaqueline Rios, and Bruce Lin, of EPA Region 2, conducted a Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) File Review at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) office in Trenton, NJ.

The purpose of the File Review was to detect any discrepancies between public water supply systems data in the NJ files and/or database and data reported to Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) Federal Reporting Services, and examine if NJ is determining compliance in accordance with federal regulations. The review included fifty-five small and medium-sized public water systems, which reported an LCR action level exceedance.

In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations CFR 142.14, States and primacy entities must retain certain records pertaining to their implementation of public water supply supervision programs and report them to EPA on a quarterly basis. Reporting of this information is accomplished by submissions to SDWIS.

Included in the enclosed report of EPA's findings are six recommendations and deadlines for NJDEP to incorporate into their drinking water program implementation. We anticipate further discussion with you and your staff on LCR implementation and this will be a topic for discussion in our next face to face meeting this fall.

We would like to thank you and your program staff for their cooperation and assistance and special thanks to your IT staff for the training and computer setup. If you have any questions or require additional information about the issues and recommendations, please contact Mark Rasso of my staff at (212) 637-3839.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Douglas Pabst", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the middle of the page.

Douglas Pabst, Chief
Drinking Water and Municipal Infrastructure Branch

Enclosure